

HIST. 360/2 AA AND SOC. 360/2 AA
THE HISTORY AND SOCIOLOGY OF GENOCIDE

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Course Objectives:

Kurt Jonassohn and I taught this course for the first time in 1980. Its objectives are to give you a firm grasp of the history and sociology of genocide, to advance your analytical skills, and to help you to master the writing of history from primary sources. Students interested in further work on genocide are invited to register for History 298A/4 Sec. AA (3 crs.), *The Holocaust* (Instructor: Prof. Frank Chalk), which will meet on Thursdays from 18:05 to 20:10 from January to April 1999.

The Evaluation of Your Work

The weighting of grades for this course will be distributed as follows:

60% for two exams (30% for the mid-term exam and 30% for the final exam)
30% for the final version of your research paper
10% for class participation and attendance

Although our lectures will focus on the issues raised in assigned readings, a great deal of important new material will be presented in the lectures. To satisfy the requirements of class discussions, exams and your research paper, you are responsible for mastering the material contained in the lectures and the reading. Try not to miss any classes; if you do miss one, be sure to get the notes from a classmate and to talk with me if you have any questions.

Texts (Paperbound Editions at the Bookstore, SGW Campus)

Frank Chalk and Kurt Jonassohn, THE HISTORY AND SOCIOLOGY OF GENOCIDE: ANALYSES AND CASES STUDIES. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1990.

Leo Kuper, GENOCIDE. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1981.

Gérard Prunier, THE RWANDA CRISIS: HISTORY OF A GENOCIDE. New York: Columbia University Press, 1995, 1997 (This edition includes chapter 10).

Mark Hellstern, Gregory M. Scott, and Stephen M. Garrison, THE HISTORY STUDENT WRITER'S MANUAL. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall, 1998.

Recommended as Reference Books (Paperbound editions are available at Chapters and other Montreal book shops)

Colin McEvedy and Richard Jones. ATLAS OF WORLD POPULATION HISTORY.

Penguin Books. 1978.

Hermann Kinder and Werner Hilgemann. THE PENGUIN ATLAS OF WORLD HISTORY. 2 vols. Penguin Books. 1974.

Note These Important Dates and Deadlines for Your Research Paper Responsibilities

- October 1: Research paper proposal forms will be handed out in class. Your appointment with me at designated times between 5 and 12 October to discuss your research topic and sources will be confirmed at this class meeting.
- October 15: Your completed research paper proposal form will be collected in this class meeting. Your proposal will include a discussion of the question that you propose to research and a preliminary bibliography of your major sources.
- November 19: If you want my comments on a draft of your paper, it must reach me no later than this class.
- December 3: At the start of class, hand in the final revised version of your research paper. It should be in proper format (For the required format, see Hellstern, the course handouts—"Some Ground Rules for the Final Research Paper" and "Scholarly Citation"—which will be distributed on 1 October). Note that your paper must be properly footnoted or endnoted and must include an annotated evaluative bibliography.

1998-FIRST TERM

- Sept. 10 Review of the Course Outline, Course Research, the Research Paper, the Use of the Library; Definitions and Typologies of Genocide; and The Origins of Genocide
- Sept. 17 The U.S.S.R.
- Sept. 24+Oct.1 The Holocaust
- Oct.8 Methods and Strategies of Genocide; Resistance to Genocide
- Oct.15-Nov.12 Genocide since World War II: A Consideration of the Cases of the Indonesian Coup and East Timor; Nigeria; Bangladesh; Burundi; Cambodia(Kampuchea); Iran; Ethiopia; Sudan; the former Yugoslavia; and Rwanda
- Nov.19+26 International Law and Humanitarian Intervention; Labelling
- Dec.3 A Critical Review of the Subject

THE HISTORY AND SOCIOLOGY OF GENOCIDE--COURSE OUTLINE

Each set of weekly readings is to be completed before the following week's lecture and discussion. Many of the assigned readings, but not all of them, are included in Frank Chalk and Kurt Jonassohn, *THE HISTORY AND SOCIOLOGY OF GENOCIDE* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1990). All the readings are on reserve at the Webster Library Circulation Desk.

1998--FIRST TERM

- Sept. 10 Course Outline, Course Research, the Research Paper, and Introduction to the Use of the Library; A Review of Definitions and Typologies; The Origins of Genocide
- (1) Kuper, chapters 1-3, 8 and Appendix 1.
 - (2) Chalk & Jonassohn, Part I and Part II, U.S.S.R.
- Sept. 17 The U.S.S.R.
- (1) Chalk & Jonassohn, Part II, The Holocaust.
 - (2) Recommended: Norman Cohn, *WARRANT FOR GENOCIDE: THE MYTH OF THE JEWISH WORLD-CONSPIRACY AND THE PROTOCOLS OF THE ELDERS OF ZION*, first half of book.
- Sept. 24 The Holocaust
- (1) Kuper, chap. 7.
 - (2) Recommended: Norman Cohn, second half of *WARRANT FOR GENOCIDE*.
- Oct. 1 The Holocaust
- ✓ (1) Ervin Staub, *THE ROOTS OF EVIL: THE ORIGINS OF GENOCIDE AND OTHER GROUP VIOLENCE* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1989), 91-169.
 - not found ✱ (2) Philip Hallie, *LEST INNOCENT BLOOD BE SHED: THE STORY OF THE VILLAGE OF LE CHAMBON AND HOW GOODNESS HAPPENED THERE* (New York: Harper & Row, 1979), 269-293.
 - ✓ (3) Bill Frelick, "Iranian Baha'is and Genocide Early Warning," *SOCIAL SCIENCE RECORD: THE JOURNAL OF THE NEW YORK STATE COUNCIL FOR THE SOCIAL STUDIES*, 24,2 (Fall 1987): 35-37.


Oct. 8

Methods and Strategies of Genocide; Resistance to Genocide
(including the Holocaust and the Baha'is of Iran)

- (1) Chalk & Jonassohn, Part II, Indonesia; Burundi; and East Timor.
- (2) Kuper, chaps. 4, 5 and 8, Indonesia.
- ✓(3) Filip Reyntjens, BURUNDI: BREAKING THE CYCLE OF VIOLENCE, A Minority Rights Group Report (London: Minority Rights Group, 1995). 29 pages.

Oct. 15

Genocide since World War II: The 1965 Mass Murders in Indonesia and East Timor; Burundi

- (1) Kuper, chap. 8, Cambodia.
- (2) Chalk & Jonassohn, Part II, Bangladesh and Cambodia
- ✓(3) B. J. Dudley, POLITICS AND CRISIS IN NIGERIA (Ibadan: Ibadan University Press, 1973), 130-143, 164-170.
-  ✓(4) Robin Luckham, THE NIGERIAN MILITARY: A SOCIOLOGICAL ANALYSIS OF AUTHORITY AND REVOLT, 1960-67 (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1971), 298-310.

Oct. 22

Genocide since World War II: Nigeria, Bangladesh and Cambodia

- (1) Chalk and Jonassohn, Part II, Indians of the Amazon
- (2) Gérard Prunier, THE RWANDA CRISIS, chaps. 1-5

Oct. 29

MID-TERM EXAM (FIRST HOUR OF CLASS ONLY)

Oct. 29

Genocide since World War II: Native Peoples of Latin America

- (1) Gérard Prunier, THE RWANDA CRISIS, 6-10.
- ✓(2) Human Rights Watch/Africa, CIVILIAN DEVASTATION: ABUSES BY ALL PARTIES IN THE WAR IN SOUTHERN SUDAN (New York and Washington: HRW/Africa, 1994).
- ✓(3) Helen Fein, "Prediction, Prevention, and Punishment of Genocide: Observations on Rwanda and Future Policies;"

Nov. 5

Genocide since World War II: Sudan and Rwanda

- ✓(1) Robert Hayden, "Serbian and Croatian Nationalism and the Wars in Yugoslavia," CULTURAL SURVIVAL QUARTERLY, 19, 2 (Summer 1995): 25-28.

- ✓ (2) George Kenney, "The Bosnia Calculation," THE NEW YORK TIMES MAGAZINE, April 23, 1995, pp. 42-43.
- ✓ (3) Winston P. Nagan, "War in Former Yugoslavia: Ethnic Conflict or War of Genocide?" PIOOM NEWSLETTER AND PROGRESS REPORT, 6,1 (Summer 1994): 6-11.
- (4) ✓ "Genocide Threat in Bosnia-Herzegovina, ISG Warns;"
✓ Helen Fein, "Analysis: Holocaust As Lens and the Clock in Bosnia;" and Stephen D. Shenfield, "Does the Non-Serb Population of Bosnia and Herzegovina Face Genocide," ~~THE ISG NEWSLETTER, No. 9 (Fall 1992)~~ and "Recommendations: International Conference Urges Stop Genocide Now;"
✓ "Zenica Centre Tracks Genocide in Bosnia;" and Roy Gutman, "The Politics of Not Recognizing Genocide, THE ISG NEWSLETTER, No. 10 (Spring 1993).

Nov. 12

Genocide since World War II: Bosnia and the Former Yugoslavia

- ✓ (1) Helen Fein, "Scenarios of Genocide: Models of Genocide and Critical Response" in Israel Charny, ed., TOWARD THE UNDERSTANDING AND PREVENTION OF GENOCIDE (Boulder and London: Westview Press, 1984), chapter 1.
- ✓ (2) Payam Akhavan, "Enforcement of the Genocide Convention: A Challenge to Civilization," HARVARD JOURNAL OF HUMAN RIGHTS, 8 (Spring 1995).
- ✓ (3) Rhoda Howard, "Occidentalism, Human Rights, and the Obligations of Western Scholars," CANADIAN JOURNAL OF AFRICAN STUDIES, 29, 1 (1995): 110-126

Nov. 19

International Law and Intervention; Labelling

- (1) Kuper, chaps. 9 and 10.
- (2) Chalk & Jonassohn, read rest of part II.
- ✓ (3) THE LOST AGENDA: HUMAN RIGHTS AND UN FIELD OPERATIONS (New York: Human Rights Watch, 1993), 1-11, 37-105.

Nov. 26

International Law and Intervention; Labelling (continued)

- ✓ (1) Kurt Jonassohn, "Prevention Without Prediction," HOLOCAUST AND GENOCIDE STUDIES, 7,1 (Spring 1993): 1-13.
- ✓ (2) Larry Minear and Thomas G. Weiss, HUMANITARIAN ACTION IN TIMES OF WAR: A HANDBOOK FOR PRACTITIONERS (Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 1993), 1-41.

Dec. 3

A Critical Review of the Subject and hand in research paper